

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 555255012296

Group Art Unit: 2643)
Examiner: Pham)
Inventor: Sean B. Simmons, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/990,126)
Filed: 11/21/2001)
For: System and Method for Inverting)
Automatic Gain Control (AGC) and)
Soft Limiting)

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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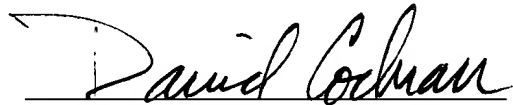
Applicant respectfully submits these Comments regarding the Reasons for Allowance provided by the Examiner along with the notice of allowance.

COMMENTS

Applicants respectfully object to the Reasons For Allowance in this application to the extent that these reasons imply that the limitations of independent claim 1 are also present in the remaining independent claims 21, 31, 46-47, 49-50, 67, 79 and 81. Each of the independent claims stands alone, and is only limited by the express language set forth therein. Each of these claims are allowable because the combination of express limitations in each claim are not present in the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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